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South Bend Attorney Anthony Lubner Wins Public Defender's Gideon Award

Indianapolis, Indiana – Today, the Indiana Public Defender Council announced that the Board of Directors of the Council awarded Anthony Lubner its 2007 Gideon Award. The annual award honors an individual who embodies the attributes of a zealous defense lawyer for indigent persons in Indiana and has distinguished himself in cases or his career. The Gideon Award is named in honor of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Gideon v. Wainwright*, decided in 1963, which first articulated the right to appointed counsel in felony cases.

The Indiana Public Defender Council is a state agency comprised of over 1000 attorneys in Indiana who provide defense representation to indigent defendants. The award will be presented at the Council's Annual Meeting at 12:30 p.m. on June 15 at the Indianapolis Convention Center in downtown Indianapolis, Indiana.

Larry Landis, Executive Director of the Indiana Public Defender Council, said: "The Council Board selected Tony Lubner for this award because of his competence and commitment to providing high quality representation to indigent defendants. Tony is recognized by his peers as an excellent lawyer who provides exemplary services to his clients. This award is given as recognition of his contributions to the judicial system in Indiana."

Tony Lubner graduated from Notre Dame Law School in 1967. He is married and has five children. He has been a public defender in St. Joseph County since 1971.

In his nominating letter, attorney Charles Lahay said that Tony Lubner epitomizes what a public defender should be, in and out of the courtroom. "He is the consummate professional, and a 'go to' guy for other public defenders with questions on intricate legal issues and problem cases. Not only is Tony exemplary in his representation of indigent defendants, but he demonstrates this same ethic and drive in other activities that benefit indigent persons and the community as a whole."

Tony Lubner has been an adjunct lecturer at IUSB SPEA since 1982. Tony also serves on the Advisory Boards for the South Bend Work Release Center and the South Bend Juvenile Correctional Facility, the Board of the St. Joseph County Library, and the Board of the South Bend Community School Corporation.